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SUBJECT: METALWORKERS ELECTION

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1. GOVERNMENT MOVED AGAINST VICTORIOUS ANTI-GOVERNMENT METALWORKER SLATE BY REFUSING TO ALLOW FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS, INCLUDING LEADER PIERRE FRANCOIS COPPIETERS, TO TAKE OFFICE. ON FEBRUARY 17 OFFICIAL RESULTS OF JANUARY 29 ELECTION WERE PUBLISHED OMITTING NAMES OF FOUR UNACCEPTABLES. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT ITS OBJECTIONS ARE BASED ON ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION. REST OF GROUP SWORN IN MARCH 4.

2. IN COMPANION CASE, ELECTIONS WERE HELD MARCH 3-7 IN FORMERLY INTERVENED RIO DE JANEIRO BANKWORKERS UNION. PRO-GOVERNMENT SLATE WON OUT IN CLOSE CONTEST AND WILL BE OFFICIALLY INSTALLED IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO THE ALLEGATION OF CORRUPTION IN METALWORKERS. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE FOUR UNACCEPTABLES ARE TRADE UNION MILITANTS WHO HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S WAGE POLICY AND WHOSE

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ELECTION CAMPAIGN INCLUDED CALLS FOR A MUCH HIGHER WAGE IN-

CREASE THAN THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWING. GOVERNMENT CON-  
SIDERED COPPIETERS KEY FIGURE IN METALWORKERS ELECTION AND  
LABOR MINISTRY OPENLY CAMPAIGNED AGAINST HIM. END COMMENT.

4. AIRGRAM REPORTING DETAILS OF BOTH ELECTIONS - BANKWOR-  
KERS AND METALWORKERS - NOW IN PREPARATION.  
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